

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JUNE 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Yale Cantor at 6:07 P.M. He told commissioners that Cindy Heidari a ten year member of the Human Services Commission passed away on May 18, 2008. She will be missed for despite her illness she made the effort to attend the monthly meetings and to give her support to staff and the Commission. Cindy shared her knowledge of public health administration to assist in planning our annual community flu clinic and health fairs. She encouraged the Commission to create a community theater for residents of all ages. At this time, the chairman asked for a moment of silence to reflect upon Cindy Heidari's memory.

PRESENT: Yale Cantor, Hassan Salley, Melinda Ferry, Helen Filloramo, Susanne Hannigan, Anne Nickerson, Sue Stack,

OTHERS PRESENT: Laurie Bernstein, Board of Selectmen Liaison to Human Services Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (S. Hannigan), Seconded (H. Salley) and passed by all those present to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting.

ABSTAINING: S. Stack and M. Ferry

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: A \$50.00 donation in Cindy's memory was made to the Lupus Foundation, Connecticut Chapter, 97 South Street, Suite 110 West Hartford, CT 06091 on behalf of the Commission.

Noreen Staiger, Bookkeeper and Assistant to the Senior Center Director will retire this summer. She started working for us in May 1998 part-time. Noreen does not wish to have a retirement party instead the senior center will host an open house with light refreshment. A date has not been set for the open house or to place the ad for a new assistant.

Interviews were held for a transportation secretary. Three applicants applied and it was decided to hire all three on a temporary basis. This is a ten hour per week position. This will allow the director and van drivers the opportunity to work with all three ladies before a final decision is made.

The postal carriers annual food drive brought in 1750 pounds of food items. The demand for food bank use has increased and there is a concern that we may empty out our shelves before October.

The senior center will be responsible for the annual maintenance costs of \$2,000 which we hope to obtain by sponsorship.

An additional funding request of \$5,000 was requested by Hockanum Valley Community Council for fuel adjustment because of the rising cost of gasoline along with the other associated transportation cost. This will be presented before the Board of Selectmen on Monday, June 16th.

Motioned (S. Stack), Seconded (S. Hannigan) and passed by all those present to write a letter of accommodation to Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach Caseworker and Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director for their supportive role in carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the Human Services Department while the director was on medical leave.

The Commission will also submit a letter of recommendation for the Wall of Honor on behalf of Commissioner Hassan Salley and recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Dennis Frawley be considered as a replacement to fill the unexpired term of Cindy Heidari.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned (S. Stack), Seconded (S. Hannigan) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:20 P.M.

Submitted by,


Doris R. Crayton
Acting Secretary